

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Version # _____ APP # 700104

1. Project Description

A. Statement of Procurement Activity

There is a long history of land acquisitions within the Chappie-Shasta OHV Area (Chappie-Shasta). The BLM has acquired approximately 14,600 acres within the 60,000 acre project area over the last sixteen years. One of the management directives set forth in the 1983 Chappie-Shasta OHV Area designation plan was continued acquisition of private parcels of land throughout the OHV area. The primary challenge within Chappie-Shasta continues to be the mixed nature of private and public lands. The Redding BLM field office has continued moving forward with land acquisitions over the years and has completed many successful land acquisitions through exchange and purchase. Much of the land acquired through purchases has been funded with California State Parks OHV funds. The Redding BLM field office received acquisition funding for the 2006 grant cycle under grant #OR-1-NO-64 in the amount of \$295,000. These grant funds have already been used to purchase approximately 200 acres within Chappie-Shasta. During the 2004/2005 grant cycle the Redding BLM was funded \$149,000 in grant #OR-1-NO-64. Funds from this project have been completely expended in the acquisition of 245 acres within Chappie-Shasta.

This project requests funding for the acquisition of two privately owned parcels of land within the Chappie-Shasta OHV Area. Individual costs funded by this project include BLM staff time, appraisal and escrow costs, hazmat review, and purchase cost of the properties. The table below lists and identifies the individual parcels by APN number, total acres, and estimated value.

Acquisition Lands

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Specific Description and Location

The two parcels of land proposed for acquisition in this project lie a short distance from the Copley Mountain OHV Staging Area in the southern portion of Chappie-Shasta. This area has been the focus of recent OHV development in an effort to increase and improve access opportunities into the Chappie-Shasta OHV Area. Recent development projects include construction of the Copley Mountain OHV staging area and the Coram Road (route #3) construction and improvements. The lands in this area are of mixed ownership, including private, BLM, Bureau of Reclamation, and Forest Service managed lands. Many trails used in this area for OHV recreation cross both public and private property. The "checkerboard" land pattern in this area makes it difficult to efficiently manage for public access, as well as carry out trail maintenance and development.

The acquisition of the private parcels proposed in this project would allow for more effective and efficient trail maintenance and would improve access to the entire area. In addition, these land acquisitions would provide potential for future trail development and expansion of the existing trail network, including the creation of loop and connector trails.

B. Relation of Proposed Project to OHV Recreation

This project will improve existing OHV opportunity, help secure future opportunity, and reduce conflict between recreation users within a very popular multiple use recreation area. Acquisition of these two parcels will allow the BLM to complete the needed connection of route #3 to the Copley Mountain OHV staging area. Currently OHV users staging at Copley Mountain

must access route #3 and the rest of the OHV trail system by riding on a one mile "open" portion of the Sacramento River Rail Trail. The Rail Trail is a regionally popular non-motorized Rails to Trails project that connects the city of Redding River Trail to Shasta Dam and many other non-motorized trails throughout Redding. Completion of this acquisition project will eliminate user conflict by allowing OHV users to use the existing trails located on the acquired parcels instead of the Sacramento River Rail Trail.

Due to the close proximity and relatively flat topography of the parcels identified in this project, it is likely that they could be used for future staging and campground development. There are existing roads and trails on these parcels that would provide immediate additional OHV opportunity if this project is funded.

By acquiring these parcels and removing them from private ownership, this project eliminates the possibility of future private development, which would threaten the sustainability of OHV opportunity in this area.

C. Identification of Needs Addressed

There are three needs addressed by this project. The first and most critical need is the elimination of one mile of motorized use on the Sacramento River Rail Trail (a 12.2 mile non-motorized trail, except for one mile of "open" length to allow trail connections for OHVs). This project will allow motorized traffic to use the existing roads and trails on the acquired parcels to access the OHV trail system without using any portion of the Sacramento River Rail Trail. The second need addressed by this project will be increasing OHV opportunity within a highly popular OHV recreation area. Lastly, the acquisition of these parcels provides a high potential for future staging and camping area development.

D. Location of the Land to be Acquired

The land to be acquired is located approximately 15 minutes northwest of the city of Redding, California in Shasta County. The property is accessed by taking Highway 299 west from Redding, turning north on Iron Mountain Road and traveling 6 miles to Matheson Road. The property is directly north of the intersection of Iron Mountain Road and Matheson Road. The legal description for the first parcel is Township 33 North, Range 5 West, Section 31, southeast corner. The legal description for the second parcel is Township 33 North, Range 5 West, Section 31 & 32, southwest corner.

This property is located within the Chappie-Shasta OHV Area and is only a few minutes driving time from the Copley Mountain OHV Staging Area. The first parcel is accessed by taking OHV trail #4 then turning onto a side road that leads to a gate, behind which the parcel is located. The second parcel is accessed by heading northwest on Matheson Road out of the Copley Mountain Staging Area, then turning onto a side trail that is currently blocked to prevent access into this private parcel.

Both parcels are surrounded by heavily used OHV routes, near a popular OHV staging area. Upon acquisition, both parcels would provide an immediate increase in OHV opportunity and eliminate long standing user conflicts between motorized and non-motorized recreationists.

E. Total Acreage to be Acquired

The total acreage to be acquired by this project is 51.19 acres.

F. Easements Affecting the Property

There are no easements affecting the property.

G. Number of Parcels

This project requests funding for the purchase of two parcels of land located within the boundary of the Chappie-Shasta OHV Area.

H. Location(s) of Existing OHV Opportunities

The property proposed for acquisition within this project is surrounded by existing OHV opportunities. This property is located just minutes from the most popular OHV staging area within Chappie-Shasta. Nearby trails include the heavily used OHV trail #4 and Matheson Road, both of which are popular access routes to other trails within Chappie-Shasta. The

property also has existing OHV opportunity on it in the form of existing roads and trails that once acquired will provide an immediate increase in OHV opportunity within this area. The overall affect of acquiring this property will be positive, by increasing loop riding opportunities on existing OHV trails and providing new OHV opportunities.

I. Estimated Cost of Land to be Acquired

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J. Status of Due Diligence

This project will fund acquisition of two privately owned parcels with existing OHV trail opportunities and a high potential for future OHV staging, campground, and trail development within the boundary of the Chappie-Shasta OHV Area. The area that these parcels lie within is identified as a high priority acquisition area in the Redding Resource Management Plan. Both owners have been contacted and are willing and interested in selling their properties to the BLM. Both properties identified for purchase within this project are adjacent to BLM lands. If purchased, both of these properties are usable for the intended purpose.

2. Acquisition Plan

A. Acquisition Timeline

Attachments:

[Redding Acquisition Timeline](#)

B. Ability to Accomplish Acquisition

The Redding Field Office has three realty and lands specialists currently employed. Due to the nature of the BLM lands managed by the Redding Field Office, land and realty operations are a primary focus. The 1993 Redding Resource Management Plan (RMP) identified several areas with high resource and recreation value. It is the direction of the RMP to acquire lands within those areas. The Chappie-Shasta OHV area falls within one of those areas. The Redding BLM Field Office has completed many successful land acquisitions through exchange and purchase. Much of the land acquired through purchases has been funded with California State Parks OHV funds. The Redding BLM field office received acquisition funding for the 2006 grant cycle under grant #OR-1-NO-64 in the amount of \$295,000. These grant funds have already been used to purchase approximately 200 acres within Chappie-Shasta. During the 2004/2005 grant cycle the Redding BLM was funded \$149,000 in grant #OR-1-NO-64. Funds from this project have been completely expended in the acquisition of 245 acres within Chappie-Shasta.

If this project is funded, purchase of the parcels will be completed by approximately June of 2010. If this project is funded it will be a high priority for completion.

C. Due Diligence Undertaken

This project will fund acquisition of two privately owned parcels with existing OHV trail opportunities and a high potential for future OHV trial, staging, and camping development within the boundary of the Chappie-Shasta OHV Area. The parcels identified for purchase within this project are adjacent to BLM lands and provide connectivity to existing publicly accessible OHV opportunities. If purchased, these parcels will be usable for the intended purpose. Preliminary title reports have already been obtained for these parcels.

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1. Project-Specific Maps

Attachments:

[Redding Acquisition Map](#)

2. Assessors Parcel Maps

Attachments:

[Parcel 1 APN Map](#)

[Parcel 2 APN Map](#)

3. Optional Project-Specific Application Documents

Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009
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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
DIRECT EXPENSES							
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	Realty Specialist	200.000	36.000	HRS	0.00	7,200.00	7,200.00
	Other-OHV Coordinator	40.000	36.000	HRS	0.00	1,440.00	1,440.00
	Other-BLM State Realty Specialist	20.000	40.000	EA	0.00	800.00	800.00
	Other-Recreation Lead	10.000	42.000	EA	0.00	420.00	420.00
	Total for Staff				0.00	9,860.00	9,860.00
2	Contracts						
	Other-Appraisal	2.000	6000.000	EA	0.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
3	Materials / Supplies						
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
5	Equipment Purchases						
6	Others						
	Other-Parcel 1	1.000	55000.000	EA	55,000.00	0.00	55,000.00
	Other-Parcel 2	1.000	40000.000	EA	40,000.00	0.00	40,000.00
	Other-Title Fees	1.000	1000.000	EA	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Total for Others				95,000.00	1,000.00	96,000.00
7	Administrative Costs						
	Administrative Costs-Administrative Cost	1.000	9500.000	EA	0.00	9,500.00	9,500.00

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5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Others	95,000.00	1,000.00	96,000.00	
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ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)

ITEM 2

- b. ITEM 2 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☒ Yes ☐ No
(Please select Yes or No)
- c. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No
- d. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 3 – 9

ITEM 3 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

The proposed action will have no impact on wetlands or navigable waters because there are none located on the proposed parcel acquisitions. An environmental assessment has been prepared for this project, reviewed by the Redding Field Office specialists, and it has been determined that sensitive species habitat in the project area will not be affected.

ITEM 4 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

The proposed projects are acquisition of private property that are actions that would not take place over several years. No major developments are planned for the proposed acquisitions aside from improving existing trails. Apart from OHV recreation, there are no other major uses in the areas proposed for acquisition. Thus, any impacts associated with this proposed action have been found to be cumulatively insignificant.

ITEM 5 - Soil Impacts

The project area has been analyzed with regard to steep slopes and highly erosive soils that would cause the proposed action to have a significant effect on the environment. After consultation with staff specialists, it has been determined that the proposed activities will not have a significant effect on the environment due to steep slopes or highly erosive soils.

ITEM 6 - Damage to Scenic Resources

The proposed actions are within the view shed of a one-mile portion of State Scenic Highway 151 located between Shasta Lake City and Shasta Dam. Refer to the attached map. The proposed project is not within the view shed of any other State Scenic Highways. The views of the project area from Highway 151 would be from over one mile away, making it difficult to see the actual on the ground activities. All existing roads and trails were in place before the designation of Highway 151 as a State Scenic Highway. Thus, this proposed project would not impact the view shed from State Scenic Highway 151.

ITEM 7 - Hazardous Materials

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

ITEM 8 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No)

☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the potential impacts and for any substantially adverse changes in the significance of historical or cultural resources and measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the impacts.

ITEM 9 - Indirect Significant Impacts

This project would not cause any indirect significant impacts.

CEQA/NEPA Attachment

Attachments:

[Acquisition Environmental Assessment](#)
[Acquisition Finding of No Significant Impact](#)
[Acquisition Decision Record](#)
[Signed Acquisition Decision Record](#)
[Acquisition Map](#)

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1. Project Cost Estimate - Q 1. (Auto populates from Cost Estimate)

1. As calculated on the Project Cost Estimate, the percentage of the cost of the Project covered by the Applicant is 0

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ 76% or more (10 points)
☐ 51% - 75% (5 points)
☐ 26% - 50% (3 points)
☒ 25% (Match minimum) (No points)

2. Natural and Cultural Resources - Q 2a., 2b., & 2c.

2. Natural and Cultural Resources

- a. Natural and Cultural Resources: Species 5

Enter the number of special-status species that are known to occur in the Project Area

Number of special-status species 0

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ No special-status species occur in Project Area (5 points)
☐ One to five special-status species occur in Project area (3 points)
☐ Six to ten special-status species in Project area (2 points)
☐ More than ten special-status species occur in Project area (No points)

b. Habitat

- b. Natural and Cultural Resources: Habitat 5

Potential Effects on special-status species habitat (Check the one most appropriate)

Special-status species habitat is known to occur in the Project Area (if YES, enter number of species) (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Habitat for special-status species known to occur in Project Area (enter number of species)

Reference Document

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ No special-status species habitat is known to occur in the Project area (5 points)
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☐ Habitat for more than ten special-status species is known to occur in Project area (No points)

c. Cultural Resources

- c. Cultural Resources 4

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ Project would provide additional protection to cultural sites (5 points)
☒ Project area has no known cultural sites (4 points)
☐ Identified cultural sites in the Project area will not be affected (3 points)

- ☐ Project impacts to cultural sites will be mitigated (No points)
- ☐ Project has unavoidable detrimental impacts to cultural resources (No points, Project application will be returned to Applicant without further consideration)

Reference Document

Redding BLM Field Office, Resource Management Plan, 1993

Interlakes Speical Recreation Management Area Plan, 1997

3. Benefit to OHV Recreation - Q 3.

3. Project will benefit the Applicant's OHV recreation program by 14

(Check all that apply) Scoring: Maximum of 14 points (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Restore or maintain connectivity of trail system by acquiring linkage/in-holdings (10 points)
- ☒ Providing additional OHV Opportunity (2 points)
- ☐ Expanding the types of vehicles that can use the OHV Opportunity (2 points)
- ☐ Protecting private property and land owners adjacent to the proposed acquisition from high levels of sound, trespass, and property damage (2 points)
- ☒ Resolving conflict related to OHV Recreation (2 points)

Explain each statement that was checked

The parcels proposed for acquisition within this project contain existing OHV trail opportunities, and once acquired will provide immediate connectivity to existing OHV trails located on adjacent public lands. The routes currently existing on these parcels are closed to OHV use due to being on private land. If these parcels are acquired these routes will be open and available to the public and would provide linkage between existing OHV trails on public land. Acquisition of these lands would also resolve an existing recreation conflict between motorized and non-motorized users on the Sacramento River Rail Trail. These properties would provide an alternative access road for OHV users heading north from the Copley Mountain OHV Saging Area. Access is currently made via a one mile "open" portion of the Sacramento River Rail Trail, which causes significant user conflict between motorized and non-motorized recreationists.

4. Primary Funding Source - Q 4.

4. Primary funding source for future development and operation cost will be 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ Applicant's operational budget (5 points)
- ☐ Volunteer support and/or donations (3 points)
- ☐ Other Grant funding (2 points)
- ☐ OHV Trust Funds (No points)

If 'Operational budget' is checked, list reference document(s)

BLM Financial Business Management System (FBMS)

5. Motorized Access - Q 5.

5. The Project improves facilities that provide motorized access to the following nonmotorized recreation opportunities 6

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 2 points each, up to a maximum of 6 points (Please select applicable values)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Camping | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Birding |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hiking | <input type="checkbox"/> Equestrian trails |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Rock Climbing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) | |

6. Public Input - Q 6.

6. The Project was developed with public input employing the following 2

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 1 point each, up to a maximum of 2 points (Please select applicable values)

☒ Meeting(s) with the general public to discuss Project (1 point)

☐ Conference call(s) with interested parties (1 point)

☒ Meeting(s) with stakeholders (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

The acquisitions within this project fall within the Shasta Management Area identified within the Redding Field Office Resource Management Plan (RMP). During planning efforts for the RMP several public meetings were held and the acquisition of lands within this project area was discussed. Redding BLM OHV staff routinely meets with OHV advocacy groups, general public and private land owners to discuss planning efforts within this project area, including any proposed acquisition projects.